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1. The Chinese Communists made an attempt to build airfields at Lhasa and Gartok (N 31-45, E 80-22), but the Dalai Lama objected and the work on the airfields was halted.
2. In May 1953 there were about 1,000 Chinese Communist soldiers with five field artillery pieces in the Chumbi Valley, near Phari Dzong (N 27-45, E 89-10). The total number of Chinese troops in Tibet at this time was over twenty thousand, stationed mainly in the Chumbi Valley, at Gartok, at Rudog (N 33-27, E 79-42), and a few miles north of Lhasa, at Yardkorchen (phonetic).

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